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Understanding the Five-Fold Ministry: God's System for the Equipping, Edification, Empowerment, and Expansion of The Body of Christ.

8. The Evangelist: The Witness

This chapter explains the Evangelist as part of the Five-Fold Ministry. It defines the word, lists the qualifications, and describes the Evangelist's role and accountability. The core idea: God always keeps a witness on the earth to spread the good news.

Key takeaways

- Evangelist (Greek euaggelistes) means a bringer of good news; the word appears three times in the Bible.
- An Evangelist must be able to preach, proclaim, explain, and reason — not just testify.
- They lack an Apostle's authority, a prophet's gift, and a Pastor's oversight; they are traveling preachers carrying the Gospel.
- Accountability matters: an Evangelist must be able to say who sent, ordained, and covers them. Self-anointed means self-accountable, which is not biblical.
- Qualifications mirror a deacon's: full of the Holy Ghost, born again, honest report, wisdom, apt to teach. Miracles are not required.

- Their message is restoration, healing, and salvation, so their ministry is often followed by deliverance — 'when the Evangelist shows up, the house is strengthened.'

Passages worth keeping

"God is not giving you a platform to draw people to yourself. He's giving it to you to draw all men unto Him!"

Names the Evangelist's purpose — God's glory, not self-promotion.

How it connects

The Evangelist embodies Jesus' mission statement in Luke 4:18 and the Great Commission of Mark 16:15 — sent out, under authority, to carry good news that heals and delivers.

Scripture referenced

- **2 Timothy 4:5** -- Chapter theme — do the work of an evangelist.
- **Acts 21:8** -- Philip named as an evangelist; the office is real.
- **Acts 6:3-6** -- Model for the qualifications (honest report, Holy Ghost, wisdom).
- **Proverbs 27:2** -- Let another praise you — supports accountability, not self-anointing.
- **Mark 16:15** -- The commission to preach the Gospel to every creature.

- **Luke 4:18** -- The Gospel content — preaching, healing, deliverance.